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THE HOLLINS COLUMNS

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Commencement Speaker

Information Office

Author Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey will be the keynote speaker at Hollins College's 146th commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 22.

Hailey, a 1960 Hollins graduate, is the author of three best selling novels: *A Woman of Independent Means* (1978), *Life Sentences* (1982), and *Joanna's Husband and David's Wife* (1986).

In announcing the selection of Hailey as commencement speaker, Hollins Senior Class President Kristi Mathus said, "As an alumna of Hollins, she represents Hollins women at their best."

Although her books differ markedly in form, setting, and characters each examines the relationships and challenges confronting women in contemporary society.

"My husband gave me the confidence and the craft to begin writing fiction, but it was the women's movement that challenged me into thinking I had something to say," Hailey said. "In my opinion the revolution in sexual roles that has taken place over the past quarter century is the most important social change since the Industrial Revolution, and I feel fortunate to have grown to maturity during this time."

Commencement will be held on the Front Quadrangle at Hollins, and will begin at 10:30 a.m.

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The winners of the S.G.A. elections were announced at the traditional step singing. Photo by Gretchen Comly

Jamaica Service Project

Information Office

"An alternative spring break was the way students were describing the 'Service in Jamaica' project. Nine Hollins College students and two advisors spent their spring break (March 20-27) at Montego Bay, Jamaica teaching and tutoring primary and high school students, attending lectures and seminars, and living with Jamaican families.

"A college student's spring break is so often a waste of time," said Jeri Suarez, Hollins' Coordinator for Community Services. "This experience is one which will benefit both the Jamaican

community and the students. Hopefully they will come back with a new understanding of commitment to community service and how important and rewarding such projects are."

All expenses for the service project were raised by the student participants. The students held bake sales and car washes and solicited contributions from businesses, churches, and service groups in their hometowns and in the Roanoke area.

The students brought with them all food, school supplies and sports equipment they used during their stay. The supplies, also

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Election Results

SGA Officers for 1988-89 are:

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Stephanie Powell

Junior Class President and Class Representatives will be elected on April 6-7.

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Hollinsummer Program

Rebetah Woodie
Summer Programs
Coordinator

Last summer over 1,000 people participated in classes, workshops or seminars on the Hollins campus—around 100 of them came to the Hollins summer Pre-College Program.

From across the United States high school girls who are rising juniors and seniors travelled to our campus to take intensive courses in creative writing, expository writing, psychology, photography, French and mathematics. Hollins faculty taught the courses and, as always, got enthusiastic evaluations from the Pre-College students.

In just two weeks students in the writing courses found they shared the same aspirations and secretly admired the same writers as they studied and wrote in the same classrooms where Hollins' Pulitzer Prize Winning authors studied and wrote.

These young women explored the leading edge of research about the human brain in our nationally recognized psychology department with Dr. Flory and Dr. Ledger.

The math students boggled our minds with displays of logic problems and their resolutions. They unfolded their new found skills one afternoon in Babcock

auditorium as Dr. Diefenderfer, their instructor, looked on.

Students in the photography course with Bob Sulkin exhibited their portfolios in the Moody Center's Ballator Gallery. This exhibition was a final project for their photography course.

French students, under the guidance of Dr. A. Sampon Nicolas wrote and performed an original play (with subtitles, of course) for everyone.

The Pre-college Program classes not only challenge the intellect of the students but also provides an introduction to the social interaction of a college campus. The Pre-college students live in Tinker Dorm, eat in Moody Center, swim in the Mary Northern Center pool, walk along the exercise path, and study in the Fishburn Library.

Hollins students serve as resident director and resident assistants. They act as companions and mentors to the Pre-college students, introducing them to life on a college campus.

Girls who had not considered attending an all women's college discern the values of learning in a non-coed environment—greater opportunity to obtain leadership roles and an enhanced sense of self-confidence and self-worth. Twenty-five girls from Hollinsummer '87 have already applied

to Hollins class of 1992.

These statements typify the reactions to the Hollinsummer experience:

"Everything I experienced really affected me positively. I will go home with wonderful memories of Hollins."

"The Hollinsummer has really opened my eyes to how great Hollins is! This is a wonderful program, given with such a sense of caring."

"This program convinced me that all I've heard about Hollins is true—it is a very special place."

If you know someone whom you think would like to be in on our brand of adventure, call the Summer Programs Office x6301, and we will be glad to send her a brochure on the Pre-College Program.

Elizabeth F. Hailey; Commencement Speaker

Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey began her career as a writer at The Dallas Morning News where she worked as a reporter during the summers while attending Hollins College in Virginia.

While working at The News, she met her future husband, writer Oliver Hailey. After her graduation from Hollins in 1960, the couple moved to Connecticut, then to New York, and finally to Hollywood where Oliver worked as a screenwriter. He often enlisted his wife's help in writing story outlines and drafting scenes. Together the Haileys worked as consultants on the television series "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" and as co-producers of CBS TV's "Another Day."

Elizabeth gradually developed a desire to write something on her own. The result was her first novel. Based on the life of her grandmother and written in letter form, it is the story of an independent woman living in an unliberated time. Sales of A Woman of Independent Means exceeded one million. Ms. Hailey adapted the novel to a one-woman stage play which toured the country and received rave reviews with Barbara Rush in the title role.

Hailey's second book, Life Sentences, is the story of three contemporary women, their commitments, and their interdependence. It is a potent statement on the paradoxical nature of commitments, which create awesome obligations while enriching

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Christa Davis awarded Scholarship

By Jennifer Cory
Feature Editor

Christa M. Davis, a sophomore here at Hollins, has been selected out of 774 high school and undergraduate college students by The National Endowment for the Humanities as an NEH Younger Scholar for 1988. Davis has received a grant of \$2200 to work on her winning proposal, a project on "The Response of Evangelical Protestants in Virginia to the Debates Over the Constitution."

The National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent federal agency that gives grants for research and education in the humanities, sponsors the competition which has been in existence since 1984. Students submit proposals dealing with history, literature, foreign languages, and other humanities-related fields for independent research in the summer. As NEH Chairman Lynne V. Cheney said, "The NEH Younger Scholars program offers high school and college students a unique opportunity to explore a topic of their choosing within the disciplines of the humanities. The intellectual rigor of these project proposals comes as a refreshing evidence of the outstanding academic ability of many of our country's high school and college students. We



Christa Davis 1990. Photo by Carson Epes

at the Endowment take pride in supporting these projects."

Davis became interested in the nationwide competition and wrote for an application after reading about a fellowship opportunity in the Newsletter from the Career Counseling Center. She consulted with several philosophy and history instructors on ideas for a paper topic and finally asked Dr. Ruth Doan to be her project advisor. "Dr. Doan spent many patient hours helping me prepare my proposal, and I thank her for all help."

Davis's paper will include examinations of "the ideology and organization of the evangelicals of Virginia during the 1780s and 1790s through their legal, political, and Constitutional efforts", "debates over Thomas Jefferson's 'Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom in Virginia', 'the ratification of the Constitution by the Virginia convention', 'the First Amendment to the Constitution', and 'church doctrines and records'". She will travel throughout the state doing research this summer. At the end

of the nine-week period, she is expected to turn in an in-depth research paper, bibliography, and a narrative report on the project.

Davis, who is currently considering majoring in history or philosophy, thought this project would allow her to explore her interests in history and law. The lecture series "The Supreme Court, the Bill of Rights, and the Law" caught her attention and gave her ideas for the proposal.

A resident of Dublin, Virginia, Davis chose Hollins she says, "because I wanted to attend a small college after attending a large high school. I found the people both sincere and interested in giving me a good education. The fact that Hollins was a women's college was also appealing. I wanted the individual attention and the leadership opportunities which are often afforded to those attending a women's college."

An active participant on the campus, Davis is a Merit Scholar, Gold Key Tour Guide, a Green Key Hostess, and a Resident Assistant. She has also been a Student Recruiter, and Writing Center Tutor, and has worked with the service project to Jamaica.

Davis says, "If I can give back even a little of what Hollins has given me, I'll be satisfied. Hollins has given me the opportunity to succeed."

Evans to appear at Hollins

Comedian Andy Evans will appear at Hollins College, Wednesday, April 20, 8 p.m. in Talmadge Hall. Admission is \$2.00 for students and senior citizens, \$3.00 for the general public.

Evans was a college counselor and minority recruiter at George Mason University for 12 years. He left his academic position in 1985 to pursue a career as a professional stand-up comedian. In addition to his comedy shows, Evans conducts workshops on motivation and self-esteem for minority students in high schools and colleges across the country.

Mary Williamson Award

Juniors and seniors who have written paper of exceptional quality in the area of the humanities are invited to enter their work in competition for the annual Mary-Williamson Award of \$100.

Essays must be submitted to Kathleen Westfall Shute in 108 Bradley or by campus mail before April 8. Manuscript format should conform to the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 2nd edition.

Service Project in Jamaica

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donated, were passed on to the schools at which they were used.

Six of the participants concentrated their efforts at pre- and primary schools, tutoring, teaching lessons in math, science, and history, and co-teaching with Jamaican instructors.

Five participants worked in high schools, conducting seminars in leadership development and training, career planning, and AIDS awareness.

In addition to classroom activities, the students will lead recreational classes in swimming, aerobics, dance, sports, and games.

The "Service in Jamaica" project was arranged with the help of

Rotary International.

Both video and still photography of "Service in Jamaica" will be available through the Hollins College Information Office.

Advisors to the project were Jeri Suarez, Hollins Coordinator for Community Services and International student advisor, and Christine Cutright, Hollins Coordinator of Student Activities.

The following students participated in the project: Liz Fowler '91, Elizabeth Leslie '91, Kim Ryan '91, Kim Pyle '91, Lella Baker '91, Christa Davis '90, Karen Drukker '91, Robin Gaines '91, and Tess Linning '91.

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and defining one's life.

Hailey's third novel is a masterful and moving ode to married love. *Joanna's Husband and David's Wife* is the story of a 24 year marriage, presented as Joanna's journal. David discovers the writings and adds his own comments. This dual point of view allows the reader insight into each partner's experience of their life together.

The Haileys now live near Los Angeles, where they often collaborate on scripts for movies and television. The couple has two college-age daughters, both pursuing careers in theatre.

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LACROSSE TEAM OFF TO A GOOD START

By Alexa Landrus
Sports Writer

The Hollins Lacrosse Team is off to a strong start for the Spring '88 season. The season began with two IFWLA weekends at Hollins on March 5-6, and again the following weekend. Nineteen teams visited Hollins for these weekends, the IFWLA weekends being open to all division three teams. The two main purposes of these weekends are for early spring practice outside, and to rate the new officials. Credit is due to Miss Ware and Miss Berkley, who worked hard coordinating and conducting these weekends.

The Lacrosse Team opened its regular season against Washington and Lee, March 14. Rivals W&L walked away the victors, the score (2-5) at halftime, (6-9) final. Coach Kissy McCrory said, "For a first year team, W&L is very organized. Despite the cold, they outplaced us. But we did play better in the second half. Our defense was strong against W&L." Freshman Carter Williams scored three goals, Junior DeDe Keyser scored two, Sophomores Mary Cooper and Holly Surgner scored one goal, and



Lacrosse team battle it out at the goal with opponent.

Photo by Carson Epes

Freshman Tina Davis scored one goal as well.

On March 16, Hollins came back to defeat Longwood on home turf (10-9). Sophomore Mary Cooper scored three goals, Sophomore Holly Surgner scored two goals and two assists as well. Freshmen Carter Williams and Tina Davis each scored one goal. Goalkeeper Keyser Harris played very well in this game also, producing sixteen saves in this game. McCrory said, "There was a tremendous improvement from

Monday's game to Wednesday's. The attack was very consistent against Longwood. I'm encouraged with what I've seen. The passing was much better, and so was the teamwork."

The team traveled to Eckerd College, Florida for Spring Break. The team took part in drills and afternoon matches against other visiting colleges such as Sweetbriar, Rutgers, and Smith.

Hollins Riders are Winners

By Kat North
Sports Editor

On Saturday, March 12, several Hollins Riders traveled to Blacksburg to compete in the Dori Dell local horse show.

Approximately ten riders rode in different hunter divisions amassing some impressive awards. Heidi Bossow, riding a Hollins owned horse, Hyde Park, was the regular working hunter champion as well as the adult equitation champion. Brook Bruder, riding her own horse, Tanqueary, was reserve regular working hunter champion, and Gwen Ford teamed up with another Hollins horse, Palm Beach to take the schooling hunter championship. In addition to the championships and reserves won, many riders were awarded ribbons in their respective classes.

This show was a good warm-up

for those riders that qualified for the inter-collegiate regional show to be held in April at Virginia Intermont College. To qualify for the regional horse show, riders had to place first through sixth a certain amount of times at inter-collegiate shows. The winners at the regional show will advance to national competition in early May.



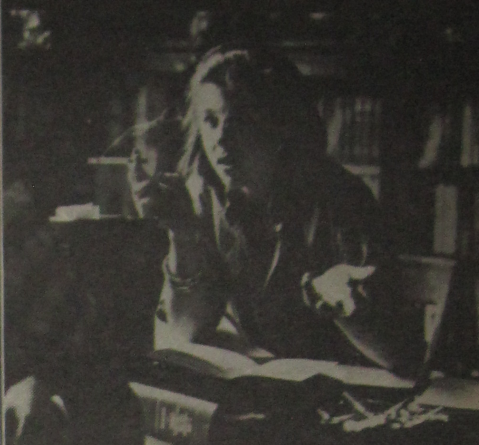
Softball

By Kat North
Sports Editor

With the arrival of spring, so arrives the Hollins College softball season.

The softball team is a club sport that practices from 4:30-6:30 Monday-Thursday. Since the team is not considered to be Varsity level, they do not compete in ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Conference). Instead, the team plays for fun with other area colleges. The Players are coached by Andre Spies, a History Professor, and Jerry English, the basketball coach. The women playing are from all four classes with many skill levels. Anyone is welcome to play and is encouraged to still come out. The team will open its season at Hollins on Wednesday, March 30th with a double header against Southern Seminary College.

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